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1. I informed Sen. Byrd that the DCI would appear before the Senate Appropriations Committee this morning and would indicate a preference for locating CIA at the Langley, Virginia site. I pointed out, however, that if the funds for the extension of the George Washington Memorial Parkway were not forthcoming, we would probably find it necessary to use the Alexandria site. Sen. Byrd stated that he was taking no position on the matter of the location of the Agency. I assured him that while we were aware of his feeling in the matter, we wished to keep him advised at all times.

2. In the absence of Sen. Beall (R., Md.) I informed his Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Wolfe, that the Director would appear this morning before the Senate Appropriations Committee, and that the Agency proposed to locate its new headquarters in Virginia, preferably at Langley. I stated that the DCI wanted to express his appreciation to Sen. Beall for his interest in the possibility of locating in Maryland, and that we wanted to advise Sen. Beall of our decision personally.

3. I talked with Mr. Hood, Administrative Assistant to Sen. Butler (R., Md.), and informed him of the Director's decision not to locate in Maryland. Mr. Hood said they expected us to locate in Virginia and he advised the Senator by telephone of our decision.

4. Col. White informed Cong. Lankford of Maryland by telephone, and also Mr. McNeill, Administrative Assistant to Sen. Robertson of Virginia, and Mr. Krout, Administrative Assistant to Cong. Broyhill, of our decision. Cong. Lankford subsequently put out a press release attacking the decision not to locate in Maryland as wasteful.

5. The DCI appeared before the Defense Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee to justify his request for appropriations for CIA construction of a new headquarters installation. Senators present were Chavez, Hayden, Ellender, Robertson, Stennis, Saltonstall, Young, Knowland, and Dworshak. Following the Director's appearance in closed session, local residents in opposition to our location at Langley appeared before the Committee followed by Fairfax County officials in favor of our location there. Alexandria officials testified in favor of our location in Alexandria.

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